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MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SIC

30 August 1951  
1000 Hours  
Room 2519 "M" Building

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, CIA (Chairman)  
Mr. Theodore M. Nordbeck, State  
Dr. Louis F. Woodruff, Army  
Mr. Arnold Kramish, AEC  
Cdr. H. C. Lawder, Navy  
Col. John G. Eriksen, Air Force

ALSO PRESENT:

Lt. Col. John P. Merrill, Army  
Lt. Cdr. R. W. Gillette, Navy  
Mr. Miles Goll, Air Force

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[REDACTED] (Acting Secretary)

ITEM 3 - Draft Terms of Reference of Intelligence Estimates

In continuation of Item 4, Minutes of the 25th meeting, the Chairman presented the list of draft terms of reference for the estimates charged to OSI by DCI, and asked if the SIC mechanism should be used to aid OSI in meeting this obligation. If so, the suggested action would be to refer each of the draft terms of reference to an appropriate committee of the SIC, or an ad hoc working group, for review, revision, and submission to the SIC for further consideration. (The list of estimates and recommended committee or working group is attached as enclosure #1). Points to be covered by each committee or working group on the estimates would be as follows:

- a. Recommended changes to terms of reference.
- b. Recommended time schedule for completion of the work.
- c. Suggested contributions to be solicited.

This proposal was then put to a vote with the results that:

a. The Air Force member was unable to vote either affirmatively or negatively as he had not received the list of estimates. He further stated that he would review the terms of reference for the estimates, secure the necessary policy guidance from his policy people, and be prepared for further discussion at a later date.

b. The Army member indicated that certain policy guidance,

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which he had requested from his superiors, had not been received and therefore he was not prepared to vote that the SIC mechanism was appropriate for the preparation of all of the listed estimates since in some cases the draft terms of reference contained operational and economic intelligence as well as scientific intelligence. The Army member further stated that "The Army stands ready at all times to carry its full load of intelligence activities, but does not agree at this time to the utilization of the SIC mechanism for intelligence activities within the basic competence of the Defense Department." The Army member also pointed out the necessity for reviewing current intelligence production efforts such as the NIS in order to insure that whenever possible existing intelligence data be utilized in the preparation of these estimates.

c. The other members of the SIC had no objection to using the SIC subcommittee mechanism.

The Navy member stated that in his opinion, items A, G, and J (See attached list, Incl #1) were definitely within the competence of SIC and that action should be taken on those items at any event.

It was then agreed upon by SIC that item A should be held in abeyance pending initiation of some of the other estimates.

The Army member then recommended that ad hoc working groups be formed to review items G and J, determine the sufficiency of the terms of reference, appropriateness of the titles, whether these items duplicate other current intelligence production efforts, and submit their findings and recommendations to the SIC.

This proposal was agreed upon by all members of the SIC and it was further agreed that names of nominees for these two committees would be phoned to the Secretary, SIC, by 6 September 1951.

In view of the position of the Army and Air Force members as indicated in a. and b. above, items B, C, D, E, F, H, and I (see attached list, Incl #1) were left for future discussion.

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